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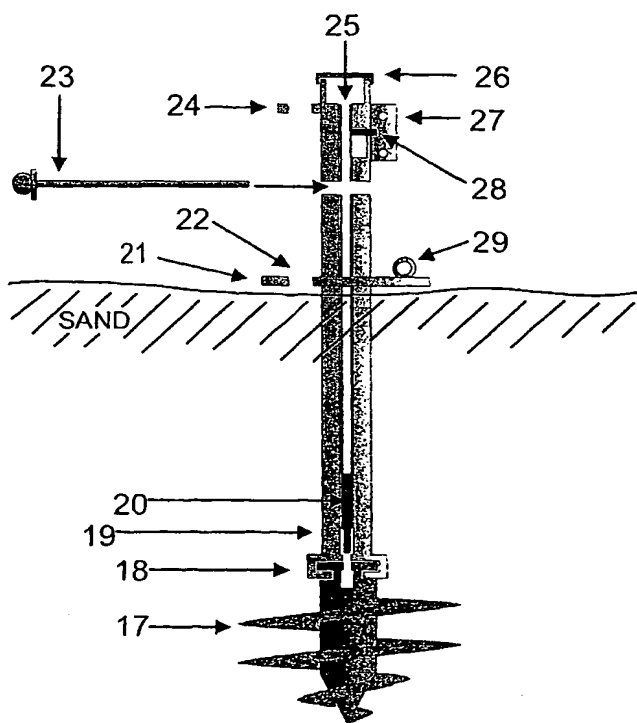
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(54) Title: A SAFETY BOX FOR STORING PERSONAL VALUABLES, A SAFETY ANCHOR FOR SECURING THE SAFETY BOX AND SAFETY FASTENERS FOR SECURING A VARIETY OF OTHER OBJECTS



(57) Abstract: The invention provides a box, termed a safety-box, which can be physically attached to a hard-to-move-object and used for safe and convenient storage of personal valuables on beaches and other public or semi-public places. Furthermore, the invention provides a lock for a safety-box, a beach chair comprising a safety-box, a device, termed a safety-anchor, which in a first aspect can be easily installed into the ground but which is very difficult to remove for anyone but the authorised user and consequently can serve as a hard-to-move-object for securing the safety-box or other devices. In another aspect of the invention, the principle behind the safety-anchor is used to provide novel safety-fasteners that can be used to secure a diversity of objects against unauthorised removal. The safety-fasteners of the invention combine the attributes of ordinary fasteners with the ability to be converted into a safety-fastener by any of a number of very simple operations. Fasteners based on the invention can thus be mounted as ordinary fasteners using a variety of standard tools and, once mounting is satisfactory, turned into a safety-fastener that cannot be easily removed by unauthorised persons. Finally the invention provides a special safety-fastener, termed a lock-safety-fastener, which can be used to effectively secure a diversity of objects against unauthorised removal whilst at the same time allowing easy attachment/detachment of the valuable object by the authorised user.

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**1. Claims: 1-13**

Claims 1-13 directed to a lock for a safety box and a locking system.

**2. Claims: 14-38**

Claims 14-38 directed to a beach chair comprising a safety box, a safety box and a mount.

**3. Claims: 34-71**

Claims 34-71 directed to a safety anchor, a safety fastener, a lock safety fastener and a use of a safety anchor.

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